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My dear Mirza.

I am sorry to have to appeal to His Highness in regard to that question of Exchange Compensation allowance but I am obliged to do so in view of Mr. Comptroller's action.

You will remember that when Mr Comptroller disallowed my Exchange Compensation last month I wrote to the Chief Secretary to say that "His Highness did not approve of Mr action taken by Mr Comptroller "suo motu" in reference Mr audit of my Exchange Compensation allowance pending in reference to Madras" The only reply which I have received is the D.O of Mr Chief Secretary No 23/CB dated 6th July I send you this D.O with Mr File. You will see from Mr File that His Highness' views were communicated to Mr Comptroller who was told Mr proper course to adopt & instructed to adopt it.

You will see from the steps attached to this letter that Mr Comptroller has ignored His Highness' order & has again cut my Exchange Compensation allowance on the ground that this allowance is not admissible from October 1918.

The Comptroller has you will see decided Mr whole matter in his own arbitrary & in express defiance of His Highness' ~~expressed~~ orders. If he is to decide my position it comes to this that my pay and emoluments are reduced by Rs 93-12-0 (Escaie Tax) plus Rs 138-14-3 my Exchange Compensation allowance.

also presumably I shall be called on by the Comptroller to refund a sum of about Rs 2500 drawn as Exchange Compensation allowance since October 1918.

I would ask you to look at the rules relating to my employment in Mysore as Private Secretary. You will see that in regard to the Leave of 7th September 1912 it is distinctly stated that I shall "continue to draw Exchange Compensation allowance on my salary under the Civil Service Regulations of British India" In the same way it is stated in the order of the Mysore Government stating the terms of my employment as Private Secretary.

Now the Comptroller assumes that I can only draw Exchange Compensation allowance, so long as it is paid in British India & I understand that the allowance has been stopped in British India since October 1918 owing to the high rate of Exchange

My interpretation of the terms of my contract are entirely different from the Comptroller's. I claim that the payment of Exchange Compensation allowance was intended to be a permanent thing with reference to the British India Rules now made subject solely to any order to regulate the rate at which that allowance should be drawn.

I would have hardly agreed to forego Exchange Compensation allowance at the time when I made my engagement.

her; nor would the Magistrates have withdrawn G
forgo the allowance, as he was so fearless
over the whole affair & even asked me on
one occasion to state my own terms.
His 8 years service & severed my
connection with Madras. I have always
regarded Exchange Compensation allowance
as part of my permanent & consolidated
salary & there is no reason why Mr
very harsh measure of stopping this
allowance in British India should
of course be applied to me. I claim
that allowance as part of my permanent
emoluments & I fail to see that the
Magistrates will at once see the justice
of my claim - As the Magistrates know I
have never uttered a word of murmuring
against Mr Lucas' fiat, nor have I ever
asked for a single "pie" in the way of an
increment - I have always been quite
content with Mr Lucas' terms of my
Contract & have never expected or asked
for more.
This arbitrary action of Mr Comptroller
has upset me more than I can tell
you. Serving as I do on the Magistrates'
personal Staff & in a position of peculiar
& personal confidence in relation to the
Magistrate, I never dreamt it possible
that an officer in Mr position of Mr
Comptroller could act in Mr
way he has done, still less did I imagine

Next Mr Chamberlain wished [illegible] debts His Highness' expenses also as to the manner in which the question of Exchange Compensation should be dealt with.

The position is an intolerable one to me. It has destroyed all my peace of mind. As you know I have been for four, well + I do not like to worry over this affair + feel that I have been bitterly humiliated + treated as of no account.

I appeal to His Highness, through you, to settle this matter once for all by ruling that Exchange Compensation allowance (at the rate at which I have drawn it ever since March 31st 1914 - the date on which I reached my maximum Salary of Rs 3000) should be regarded as part of my consolidated Salary + emolument" with an ordering place all these facts before His Highness + begging to know your immediate orders to relieve me from a situation which is simply intolerable to an officer of my status + position with a record of 20 years faithful service as his Private Secretary. I know you will sympathize with me + forgive me for worrying you.

Yours sincerely
R Chamberlain
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